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Monthly Newsletter of the Darling Downs Soaring Club

June 2004

President's Report

The Cessna (CMN): The Cessna has been sold to some folks on a cattle station near Richmond. We received \$60,500 (incl GST) for her. The engine has been running "on condition" for some time now, and the replacement was a bit of a cloud hanging over our finances. Otherwise she is in very good condition, especially the paintwork, and received a good bill of health from the LAME doing the inspection for the finance company. We wish the new owners well, and trust that CMN serves them well for many years to come.

Bob Keen has done an enormous amount of work on this sale, especially in the past few weeks in providing answers to a never ending stream of questions from the finance company, and arranging for inspections etc etc.

Thanks again Bob, you've done a great job!

New Tug: There has been a lot of activity by a small group of people (John Moore, Charlie Downes, Shane McCaffrey and Bob Keen) recently, charged with the responsibility of obtaining another Pawnee as a replacement for CMN, and for investigating the merits of fitting a Chev engine to it. Bob has located a few suitable Pawnees and is negotiating with the owners. The decision to install an auto engine has not been made yet. That decision would only be taken if we can demonstrate that it makes sense economically and logistically.

Jimbour: A few of us had a very enjoyable and worthwhile Saturday at Jimbour recently. Jimbour House was hosting a "long lunch", and we were invited to fly in four journalists (from

Dalby to Jimbour) for the occasion. Thanks to Peter Griffiths and the Duo team, we were able to give the journalists a ride in the top aircraft in Australia. One of the journalists became a bit queasy on route to Jimbour, but the others really enjoyed it.

Adrienne from Tourism Queensland was the lucky one to accompany Shane as he demonstrated the beauty and grace of the Nimbus. We handed out plenty of brochures, talked to plenty of people, some of whom seemed pretty keen to come and have a fly with us.

The Duo Discus Again: Since my last article on the Duo, I have had some very useful feedback from members. There is a good case that the club's needs right now would be better served by adding to our single seater fleet. This was also discussed at a general meeting a few months ago, and we agreed there to keep an eye out for suitable single seaters. Something easy to fly with reasonable performance. Maybe a Discus?

ABC Australian Story and Glenn

Todhunter: Australian Story is doing a program on Glenn (DDSC clubmember). They visited the club recently, arranged by Anthony Weatherspoon. Here is an extract from Anthony's email: "The crew from Australian Story were very happy and got plenty of footage. We had one flight ground to air and one flight air to air using the Cessna. There was broken lift from 9.30am and by 11am Bob Keen climbed to 5000 feet with Jeff. Jeff was the instructor that was with Glenn in the crash. We had open air space for the whole time and we were all packed away by 12 o'clock. Many thanks to Bob, Shane and Des Baartz. Without their help it would not have

happened. The show will air on the 28th of June on the ABC. If it changes I will let you know. I think with the footage they got, we should get some good publicity out of it for gliding and our club.” Thanks for organizing it Anthony.

Have Fun Sarah: Sarah Tromp is off to Namibia until February 2005. Sarah emailed “I will definitely be back flying after that and look forward to seeing you all then!” We wish you a very rewarding and enjoyable stay in Namibia Sarah, and look forward to seeing you back on 2005!

Happy and safe flying.

Richard Hoskings

Jimbour Wines Australian National Gliding Championships

It's a great name for a gliding competition isn't it?

We have just completed negotiations with Jimbour Wines to be our naming rights sponsor for the nationals. Very importantly the sponsorship continues our clubs long association with Jimbour, as a turn point, as a venue for special events and of course with Alex Russell whose residence is Jimbour House. Thank you very much to Alex and David Russell and the Russell Pastoral Company for this sponsorship.

Alex has been a member of DDSC for 28 years and it is great that we can continue this long association. I am sure that the combination of DDSC and Jimbour Wines will enable us to live up to our goal of hosting the best nationals ever. To find out more about Jimbour Wines and how you can support our sponsor, go to www.jimbour.com.

This sponsorship grew out of the recent Jimbour Station long lunch when Shane, Peter and I flew three journalists from Dalby to Jimbour, with Lex's help. This event got some more of our pictures into

the Dalby Herald.

One of our other goals for the nationals has been to maximise the benefits for the local community and working with Jimbour Wines will ensure that our publicity, all of which will feature Jimbour Wines, has local benefits.

We are continuing to get a run each month in the Soaring Australia magazine and the entry form will be in the July edition, complete with the Jimbour Wines logo.

For those of you who don't know, Jimbour House was originally the centrepiece of Jimbour Station, a large pastoral station taking in most of the Shire. The current townships, and turn points, of Kaimkillenbun, Bell and Macalister were all once part of the property.

More recently, Jimbour Station has become a significant wine business, with the development of 52 acres of vineyard. In 2002 the historic Station Store was opened as the cellar door.

While Jimbour Wines is the naming rights sponsor, we have been successful in attracting other sponsors as well. Telstra CountryWide will again assist us with telecommunications connections and equipment. Dalby Moto will help us with transport around the airfield and other facilities, Go Soaring and the Country Club Hotel are also providing us with valuable sponsorship.

Our other major supporter continues to be the Dalby Town Council, which helps us considerably. This support from the Town Council has been rewarded with Gliding Queensland deciding to hold the 2005 Easter competition at Dalby.

Ralph Henderson and Bob Keen

New Comp

Whilst searching the GFA web site, I found information about this 'competition', of which I had never previously heard!

For full information, go to
<http://www.gfa.org.au/comps/dcebhc.doc>

This is held twice each year:

winter comp: 1 March - 30
September

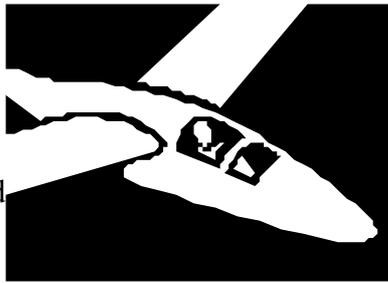
summer comp: 1 October -
28 (or 29) February

and takes the top three flights submitted by a pilot OR club (in the case of 2 seaters) to find a winner in each of four 'leagues'. An individual or a club can submit as many flights as they want and they do not have to be in the same aircraft.

Gliders are handicapped and, to encourage other than 'gun' pilots, league II specifically excludes pilots ranked in the top 50 in Australia (they compete in league 1). League 4 is limited to pilots with less than 200 solo hours at the start of the respective 'season'. League III is for club 2 seaters and league I is for the 'guns'.

What all this means is that YOU could actually win this competition (in your appropriate league) without having to travel anywhere other than your usual gliding site.

Given the better weather we in Queensland enjoy during the winter, we should be able to put in some great flights.



The 'event' rules allow you to put in flights that are not declared before you leave the ground (as is the case for badge flights) - so if you 'just go for a fly', you can STILL submit your logger trace.

If you are really keen, you could go further and enter the Barron Hilton Cup - which could win you an all expenses paid gliding trip to Nevada!!!

So - get out there and have fun (and put Queensland even further ahead of those 'Mexicans' south of the border!

A link to the GFA Decentralised competition information is on the club website at
<http://www.ddsc.org.au/private/information.htm>

Robert Hart

Gliding Queensland

The Queensland Soaring Association, or QSA as it was usually referred to, is no more. And nor is its successor organisation, the Queensland Gliding Association Inc. From now on the association will simply be known as Gliding Queensland. This was decided at the AGM, which was held last Sunday. Around 20 people attended, representing 9 of the 15 clubs in Queensland and northern New South Wales.

Notable attendees were Grant Harper from Townsville and Alan McMaster from Rockhampton.

There have been some changes in the GQ

personnel. Ron Geake from Gympie has moved from Secretary to become Vice-President, our own Tony Cavanna becomes Secretary and Stuart Lutton from Warwick continues as Treasurer. I continue as President and hence GFA Vice-President for Queensland. Jenny Thompson and Ron Geake continue as GFA Councillors.

Lisa Turner continues as RTO/Sports and Alwyn Reid and Alan McMaster as RTOs/Airworthiness. After 14 years as RTO/Ops, John Clayton will retire at the end of June to be replaced by Mike Truitt from Gympie. Robert Hart has assumed the role of Chairman of the competition committee and Brian Wade will look after GQ's website.

Ralph Henderson

Stats and Chats

1) Request for GFA statistics by the end of June.

Please could you send me the following information for the period 30th April 2003 - 30th April 2004.

The number of cross country flights over 50 km

Number of Kilometers flown

Longest cross country flight

These statistics will be published in the Australian Gliding magazine later in the year.

Statistics from the 17 replies I've had so far (25/5/04, including the RAFGSA):

Number of flights > 50 km: 286
Number of Kms flown: 93711
Longest flight: 820km

2) Website

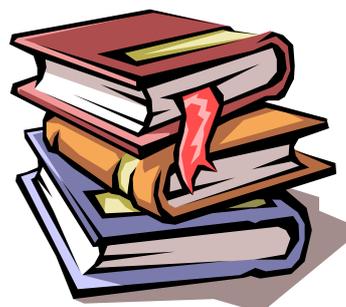
I'm now the caretaker of the website. If you

have any articles or items for the calendar of events let me know.

3) DDSC Chat.

The DDSC chat is a great way of keeping in touch with what's going on at the club and a very easy way to arrange things such as midweek flying, duty swaps, asking a question and getting a quick reply. If you have access to email why not subscribe? From the clubs web site (<http://www.ddsc.org.au>) click on 'club members' then click on 'Mailing List'. This takes you to a page that explains how to send a message to the chat line. Next to the box titled 'Email' enter your email address, make sure this is correct otherwise you won't be able to complete the subscription. Click on the 'submit' button. An email will be sent to you with instructions on confirming your subscription. If you have any difficulty or questions let me know.

Tony Cavanna.



From the Archives

Extracts from Flight Rules (date unknown but c1967)
Darling Downs Soaring Club
P.O. Box 37, Jondaryan

'When operating from a field covered in dry grass, fire fighting equipment should always be available. Where a field is stony, steel shod skids invariably strike sparks, and fire

danger is ever present. A fire extinguisher is on hand at the control point. Remember also that tarps or bags to beat out flames, dry earth is also good.'

'All pilots shall familiarise themselves with current notices (notice folder at the Control Point) before flight.' (Not a bad idea!)

'No member is allowed to attempt thermalling before completing five solo flights on each conversion to aircraft type.' (!)

"As a general rule, and in addition to cross-country requirements, flying times will be:-

'0730-1030 Test flights, ab-initio revision, training and checking of pilots
1030-1530 Local soaring, soaring training
1530-Last light Ab-initio training
1030-1530 Ab-initio's ground training'

"When rigging aircraft, a wing should never be laid straight on the ground. It should be edged forward as it is placed down so that twigs, plants etc. are flattened and so prevent the fabric being punctured'.

c/o Russell Bennett

More from 'The Archive' in the next edition.

2003 - 04 Events Calendar
as at May 2004

Date	Event	Place	Contact
Sat 5 th June 04	Instructors Meeting	McCaffrey Field	Jeremy Thompson Libelle@optusnet.com.au
Sat 12 th June 04	General Meeting	McCaffrey Field	Richard Hoskings Richard@hoskingsresource.com.au
Sat 3 rd July 04	Instructors Meeting	McCaffrey Field	Jeremy Thompson Libelle@optusnet.com.au
Sat 10 th July 04	Committee Meeting	McCaffery Field	Richard Hoskings Richard@hoskingsresource.com.au
Sat 7 th August 04	Instructors Meeting	McCaffrey Field	Jeremy Thompson Libelle@optusnet.com.au
Sat 14 th August 04	General Meeting	McCaffrey Field	Richard Hoskings Richard@hoskingsresource.com.au
Sat 4 th Sept 04	Instructors Meeting	McCaffrey Field	Jeremy Thompson Libelle@optusnet.com.au
Sat 25 Sep – Sat 2 Oct 04	QLD State Championships	Kingaroy	Doug Flockhart doug@ozgroup.com.au
Mon 4 – Fri 15 Oct 04	Multi Class National Championships	Dalby	Ralph Henderson rhenderson@austarmetro.com.au
Fri 25 th March – Sat 2 nd April 05	Queensland Easter Competition	Dalby	David McManus David_mcmanus80@optusnet.com.au

	Day	Instructors	Tug Pilots	Duty Pilots
June	Saturday 5th	T Cavanna J Grosser	L McQueen Jeremy Thompson	Mark Hartmann Robert Percy
	Sunday 6th	M Codling B Daniels	A Hurst R Keen	Koji Masuda
	Saturday 12th	R Henderson R Hoskings	J Geddes D Baartz	Brian Rolfe
	Sunday 13th	P Bell L Matusczak	D Cramer B Hoffmeister	Steve Harris Alan Midwood
	Monday 14 th	TBA	TBA	TBA
	Saturday 19th	J Thompson C Downes	A Garrone Jenny Thompson	Michael Russell Roly Sundell
	Sunday 20th	D McManus B Hoffmeister	G Kurstjens B Ward	Charles Gillmore Gordon Gillmore
	Saturday 26th	R Hart TBA	J Knox F Ning	Richard Armstrong Paul Bart
	Sunday 27th	A Garrone B Keen	M Robertson R Bradley	Greg Valler Michaela Valler
July	Sat 3 rd .	T Cavanna J Grosser	L McQueen P Kurstjens	Neil Muspratt
	Sun 4 th .	M Codling B Daniels	A Hurst Jeremy Thompson	Keith Allen Ben Bezuidenhout
	Sat 10 th .	J Thompson C Downes	J Geddes D Baartz	Bob Flood Graham Hennessy
	Sun 11 th .	P Bell L Matusczak	Jenny Thompson G Kurstjens	Hugh Hofmeister Andrew Straume
	Sat 17 th .	R Henderson R Hoskings	A Garrone F Ning	John Davies David Ferguson
	Sun 18 th .	D McManus B Hoffmeister	D Cramer R Keen	Peter Davison John Moller
	Sat 24 th .	R Hart B Keen	M Robertson J Knox	Chezhan Hall
	Sun 25 th .	A Garrone R Hoskings	R Bradley B Ward	Joan Robinson Sara Tromp
	Sat 31 st .	J Thompson J Grosser	B Hofmeister A Hurst	Mark Hartmann Robert Percy
August	Sun 1 st .	M Codling B Daniels	P Kurstjens Jeremy Thompson	Jo Davis Koji Masuda
	Sat 7 th .	R Henderson R Hoskings	D Baartz J Geddes	Michael Russell Roly Sundell
	Sun 6 th .	P Bell L Matusczak	D Cramer F Ning	Steve Harris Alan Midwood
	Sat 14 th .	J Thompson C Downes	L McQueen B Keen	Richard Armstrong Paul Bart
	Sun 15 th .	R Hart B Hoffmeister	R Bradley G Kurstjens	Charles Gillmore Gordon Gillmore
	Sat 21 st .	J Thompson A Wetherspoon	J Knox Jenny Thompson	Brian Rolfe Ron Walker
	Sun 22 nd .	A Garrone B Keen	M Robertson B Hoffmeister	Greg Valler Michaela Valler
	Sat 28 th .	T Cavanna J Grosser	A Hurst A Garrone	Bob Flood Graham Hennessy
	Sun 29 th .	M Codling B Daniels	A Hurst B Ward	Keith Allen Ben Bezuidenhout

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